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## ICE DEPORTS “HOLOCAUST REVISIONIST” TO GERMANY

CHICAGO — A well-known revisionist and holocaust denier, wanted in Germany for inciting racial hatred by denying that thousands of Jews were gassed to death at Auschwitz, was deported last night by the Department of Homeland Security’s U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“ICE is focused on protecting America and promoting public safety by ensuring that fugitive aliens are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible,” said Deborah Achim, field officer director for Chicago’s detention and removal program. “We are restoring integrity to the immigration system by finding and removing individuals ordered deported by federal immigration judges.”



Yesterday’s deportation of Germar Rudolf, aka Germar Scheerer, 41, ended a decade spent on the lam as he traversed the globe, living in Spain, Great Britain, Mexico and finally, the United States. Rudolf is wanted in Germany for his 1995 conviction of inciting racial hatred in violation of Germany’s Holocaust denial legislation, which was enacted to combat anti-Semitism and protect the memory of Hitler’s victims. He fled Germany in 1996 to avoid imprisonment.

Rudolf, a former chemist from Stuttgart and author of “Dissecting the Holocaust,” was sentenced by the German government to 14 months in prison for publishing a “scientific” report refuting the deaths of thousands of Jews in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Rudolf tested bricks in the gas chambers for traces of Zyklon B, deadly cyanide used to kill Jews during the Holocaust. His report claimed that because he did not find evidence of Zyklon B on the sampled bricks it was unlikely that the mass gassings of Jews occurred at Auschwitz.

Rudolf applied for political asylum in the United States in 2000, claiming political persecution in Germany. A federal immigration judge denied Rudolf’s asylum claim and ordered him deported in June 2003. Rudolf’s appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) was dismissed in September 2004. Both the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the United States Supreme Court have denied Rudolf’s requests to stay his deportation pending federal appeal. Although he is no longer present in the United States, Rudolf’s appeal of the BIA’s decision will continue before the Eleventh Circuit.

Rudolf was ordered to present himself to the Chicago ICE office for deportation April 7, but he defied the order and remained in the U.S. as a fugitive alien. On Oct. 19 he appeared at the Chicago office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to apply for a green card based on his marriage

to a U.S. citizen. A records check revealed his outstanding order of deportation and he was immediately taken into federal custody.

Rudolf was deported to Frankfurt under the escort of two ICE officers and turned over to the custody of the German Federal Police.

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